



OPERATIONS MEMO

Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: Financial Aid Administrators
High School Counselors

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SUBJECT: **2016-17 California Chafee Foster Youth Grant Program Update**

This Operations Memo from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) announces updates to the Chafee Foster Youth Grant Program (Chafee Program). The Commission ran the first 2016-17 award cycle on July 18, 2016 which provided 2,269 students with an award offer. Since then additional award cycles have been processed.

2016-17 Chafee Award and Processing Update

- The Commission will make additional awards as soon as the contract with the California Department of Social Services for the \$3 million augmentation has been approved and signed.
- Students awarded on the July 18th cycle who have not been certified as eligible will become ineligible.
 - Award status for these students will change to "Not Awarded – Ineligible" and they will remain on the payment roster.
 - These awards will be reprocessed for eligible students to ensure that the maximum number of awards are utilized.
 - A separate notification was sent to students to encourage them to follow up on their Chafee award
- If an ineligible student becomes eligible at a later time, the institution must update their status using the payment roster.
- Additional information on the Chafee Program is available in the [Chafee Coordinator's Guide](#).

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